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SUBJECT: RED SEA LIGHTS (T.I.A.S. 6150)

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1. DEPT. NOTES THAT FORMULA FOR ASSESSMENT TO RED SEA LIGHTS ORGANIZATION IS PRESENTLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE TOTAL TONNAGE TRANSITTING THE SUEZ CANAL JAN.-MAY 1967. FOR THIS PERIOD SIGNATORIES TO THE AGREEMENT ACCOUNTED FOR 76.64 PERCENT OF THE TONNAGE TRANSITTING THE SUEZ CANAL.

2. ARTICLE 10 OF THE RED SEA LIGHTS AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT "IF IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF THE VESSELS OF ANY GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN A CONTRACTING GOVERNMENT PASSING THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL EXCEEDS 1 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF ALL VESSELS PASSING THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL, THE MANAGING GOVERNMENT, AFTER  
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OBTAINING THE ASSENT OF ALL CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS, SHALL

INVITE THAT GOVERNMENT TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE PRESENT AGREEMENT."

3. FOR SUPPLEMENTARY INFO FOR DEPT'S FY 1975 BUDGET CONTRIBUTION TO IO'S, THE DEPT. REQUESTS ANSWERS TO

FOLLOWING:

A. HAS ANY COUNTRY ADHERED TO RED SEA LIGHTS ORGANIZATION SINCE CLOSURE OF SUEZ CANAL IN JUNE, 1967?

B. WHAT WAS LAST COUNTRY TO BECOME MEMBER OF RED SEA LIGHTS ORGANIZATION?

C. BASED ON 1967 FORMULA, WHAT COUNTRIES HAD 1 PERCENT OF TONNAGE PASSING THROUGH CANAL BUT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION?

D. HAS THE UK REQUESTED ANY COUNTRY TO ADHERE TO RED SEA LIGHTS ORGANIZATION SINCE JUNE, 1967?

E. WHEN AND WHAT COUNTRY DID UK LAST SOLICIT TO BECOME MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION?

F. IN LIGHT OF CONTINUED CLOSURE OF CANAL, HAS THERE BEEN ANY FORMAL OR INFORMAL PLAN TO CONSIDER REVISING ARTICLE 10 TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGED MIDEAST SITUATION? ROGERS

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